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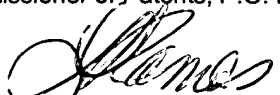
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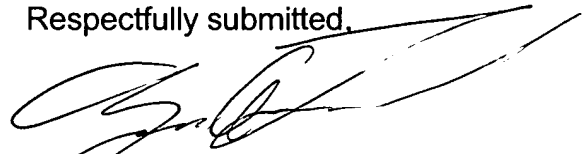
  
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Enclosed is a European Search Report dated October 26, 2004 issued in European Patent Application No. 04396045.9, which European patent application is claiming priority to the present application. Also enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 listing the cited references. Copies of the cited non-US references are enclosed. Copies of the cited US references are not enclosed pursuant to the USPTO waiver of the requirement to submit copies of US references. The relevance of each reference is specifically explained in either the Search Report or the application specification, and the abstract of each reference provides a concise explanation thereof.

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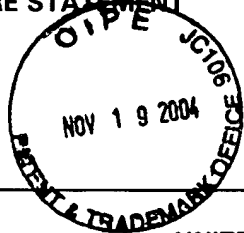


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